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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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SUBJ: ARAFAT VISITS ABU DHABI

1. FOLLOWING ON HEELS OF REPORTED VISIT TO DOHA AND BEFORE PROCEEDING ON TO KCAIRO, PLO LEADER YASSAR ARAFAT, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OR THREE OTHER UNNAMED PLO OFFICIALS, PAID 24-HOUR VISIT TO ABU DHABI APRIL 4-5.

WHILE PRESS GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF VISIT -- IT INCLUDED CALLS ON SHAIKH ZAYID AND CROWN PRINCE SHAIKH KKHALIFA AS WELL AKS OPENING OF PALESTINIAN BOOD EXHIBIT -- NOTHING WAS REPORTED RE SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE.

2. ARAFAT HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE THANKED SHAIKH ZAYID AND THE UAE FOR ALL SUPPORT WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN PALESTINIANS AND PALESTIAN CAUSE. ARAFAT ALSO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS RE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. HE STATED FIFTH WAR WAS INEVITABLE, PUTTING BLAME FOR THIS ON ISRAEL WHICH SEEKING MORE ARMS AND ON U.S. WHICH IS SUPPLYING SAME. HE RENEWED CALLS FOR ARAB UNIT, CAUTIONING AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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SOW DIVISION. IN THIS CONNECTION, ARAFAT EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE

IN PLO-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS SAYING THEY STRONGER THAKN BEFORE.
RE SECRETARY'S LATEST MISSION, WHILE HE (ARAFAT) HAD
PREDICTED IT WOULD FAIL, HE FULLY EXPECTED SECRETARY TO RETURN
AGAIN WITH SOME OTHER APPROACH AND CONTINUED VIGILANCE
THEREFORE NECESSARY. HE SAID HE SAW NO CHANGE IN AMERICAN
POLICY AND THAT IT WAS TIME AMERICAN PEOPLE RECOGNIZED THEIR
INTERESTS WITH ARABS, NOT WITH ISRAEL.
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